



THE BELLOWS

29th GREAT YEAR

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Puget Sound Photographic Collector's Society, Inc.

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WHAT	NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF PSPCS
WHERE	DES MOINES MASONIC TEMPLE 2208 S. 223rd St. (Take Midway exit #149 west off I-5...go to first stop light west of Pacific Hwy. South...Turn right.)
WHEN	Thursday, June 19th 7:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m. (doors open about 6:00 p.m.)
WHY	A short business meeting..Auction (one item lot per member please)..Door Prize..Show & Tell..Members' trade -sell tables (free to members, please ignore during business meeting.) <u>Program:</u> For our last program of the year bring your most unusual photographica item..or two..to share with the members...be it a camera, a picture or some other item of photographica.

OUR 29TH GREAT YEAR COMES TO AN END:

Yes, it is true. The 29th year of the Puget Sound Photographic Collector's Society has come to meeting number ten. After you attend our June meeting you are charged with the pleasant duty of spending the next two months lurking around garage and estate sales and combing through the second hand and antique shops looking for your next photographica treasures. All this with an eye toward having wonderful items to show off in September at the start of our 30th great Club year.

This past year has again been a fun and interesting one. We all have grown a year older and may be a tiny bit slower when running up the drive to be first at the garage sale tables. Much to our regret several of our long time members passed on during the year, and they will be missed. Shirley stepped down as Secretary..but kept her hands on the Club's money..and Don Friend is now our most able secretary. Our 2008 Show went off with a good time being had by all thanks to the dedicated work of your Show Committee. We moved our Friday evening hospitality gathering to the Cafe in the pavilion and everyone seemed pleased. Our Christmas party was again a high point of the Winter meetings with some fun times, fun gifts and good food enjoyed by all who attended. We look for more of you next year. HO..HO..HO!!

Our 30th year as a club dedicated to collecting and promoting, "The Cameras that Photographed Our Past" should be another fun and interesting one. There are new old photographica treasures still out there to be discovered...and not all of them have to be found on Ebay...why just this past weekend a little run down into Oregon's byways netted your editor four fun items...and dealers willing to negotiate their prices. So sally forth, on the one or two warm days of summer we may have, and gather your photographica treasures to share with us all in the fall. Till then..Happy hunting!! Ed.

This Month's Mystery Question.

Answers at end of Newsletter.

With thanks to the Arizona Photographic Collectors:

What German Company came out with a series of half-frame viewfinder cameras for 18X24mm on 35mm film?

The May 15th meeting of the Puget Sound Photographic Collectors Society came to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 33 members and guests in attendance. Shirley Sparrow returned as secretary for the evening because Don Friend, who again had an important out-of-state commitment, was absent. The minutes of the March meeting were approved as corrected. Shirley had not realized that Don was not going to be there so there were no goodies much to the disappointment of the sugar starved members. Treasurer Shirley reported the Club was still in the black but would have to use some of our CD savings to cover our April 4th 2009 Show advance payments to the Fair.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS AND SHOW REPORT:

Bill Kimber reported that the 2009 Show would be on Saturday, April 4th...not the 5th. The membership discussed the month of May as a time to hold our 30th Show in 2010 and Bill Kimber said he would check and report back at our June meeting. The Show Committee again explained that the Fair Pavilion was still the best venue for our 2009 Show.

President Darrel showed a poster board of old Club pictures from the early 90's that had been found in the Des Moines lodge during a cleaning out of some old storage lockers. Everyone looked younger. Sigh.

SHOW & TELL AND PROGRAM:

Eight members had nice interesting Show & Tell items..Thank you.

Seven members brought in their favorite photographica related books to talk about. Again, thank you.

AUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DOOR PRIZE:

Two items were auctioned off bringing their old owners a total of \$25.00.

Siggi's 2009 Show will be on April 19..after our Show on April 4th.

Bill Kimber won a plastic water bottle in the shape of a boy holding a camera. (Note: He had sold this bottle to Darrel many years ago...now it has come full circle.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. for more selling and conversation with no nummie munching. Sigh.

Super Nettel



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Dues are \$20.00 per year and should be sent to Secretary/Treasurer Shirley Sparrow, 300 Pease Road, Cle Elum, WA 98922, (509) 674-1916, sesparrow9@msn.com P.S.P.C.S. members receive first notification of our yearly April show.

PRESIDENT: DARREL WOMACK (206) 244-6831 DARRELCAM@COMCAST.NET

GARY SIVERTSEN IS HAVING A SALE:

Gary Sivertsen is hosting his 16th Annual Photographic Garage Sale & Swap on Saturday and Sunday June 28th and 29th. Hours are from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. Gary and his "Associates" will be set up in his car port with several hundred photographic items from which to choose. There will be junk and treasures..35mm, medium and large format, folders, TLR, SLR and subminiatures cameras. Some will be usable..some collectable. Also included will be darkroom equipment at great prices, lenses, books and related photographic. This is worth a look. Gary's address is: 4802-93rd Ave. West. in Tacoma (University Place). It is not as hard to find as it sounds. Just exit I-5 at 56th street..go west about 5 miles (the road is now called Cirque Drive) Follow the signs to 93rd Ave. and turn right and drive straight ahead...you are there. If you would like to rent space to sell call Gary at: (253) 278-2776.

2009 SHOW CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED:

As reported in last months Newsletter P.S.P.C.S. has agreed to do our 2009 Great Show, Swap & Sale in the Pavilion on the grounds of the Western Washington Fair and Convention Center in Puyallup Washington. The contract has been signed and treasurer, Shirley has sent a first payment of \$2,750 to the Fair.

In last month's Newsletter the Show date was announced as April 5th. Several of you sharp eyed members informed me that that was the date of THIS Years Show and that our Show in 2009 will be held on Saturday, April 4th 2009. Ok, so I'm like the man in the full body cast who said, when asked if he had been able to bend over and kiss his behind, "No, but I came THIS close." Remember our 29th Great Show, Swap & Sale is on APRIL 4th 2009.

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The following is from the March 2007 The Chicago Photographic Collectors Society and is used with thanks. Ed.

At the estate sale where I got a Robot, Linhoff & Z/I Tenax, there were two boxes of "MAGNESIUMKERZEN" They appear to be wood sticks with a magnesium ribbon wound on the end. I attempted to get an Internet translation of the instructions and they don't make a lot of sense. Not that I plan on using them. I don't have any sort of flash handle to use them. Are these something I need to keep in a sealed metal box? Can they be set off with static electricity? I assume mailing them would not make the US Postal authorities particularly happy. How hot are these? Any input, including warnings, would be appreciated.
M.

Take them to your local fire dept for proper disposal. I had a wood barrel of flash powder (2 gal size) from 1910 or so from Kodak. It was nearly 2/3 full. The flash powder was still viable. I know I had used it. One day our house had a fire. Pretty bad. The fire department put 6500 gallons. of water on it. The basement partially flooded. This barrel was on the top shelf in my dark room and remained dry. The next day the fire dept did a "Cause and Origin Investigation" We went to the basement to look at the fuse panel. One fireman came out of my darkroom with the flash powder. He said we were very lucky it did not get lit. He confiscated it. I asked him if I could have the barrel back. Sure but not till they disposed of the powder. I asked to let me know when they were going to "light it off" A couple of months later at a controlled site we lit it off. It was really something. It was poured on a 1" thick steel plate, at 100 ft you could feel the heat and of course you could not look at it. They measured it at 5000 degrees. It melted a hole in the plate and the hole in the soil about a yard deep. (Sandy soil that also boiled and spit hot globs). GET RID OF THE METAL! Replicate it with a ribbon of lead. Same look and safer.
Ken

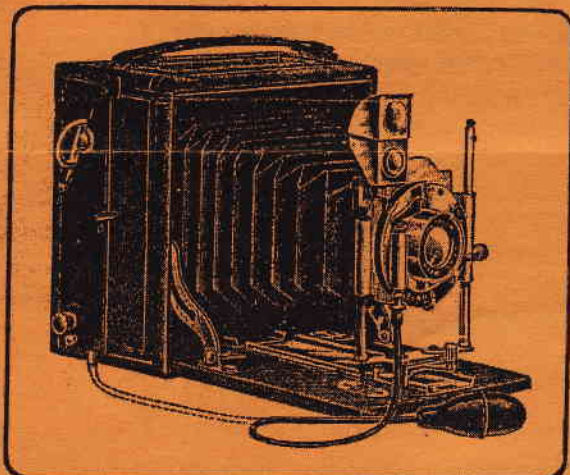
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For What It's Worth

Closing prices on Internet Auctions

by Rick Soloway

It's always hard to establish absolutely reliable estimations of value in the topsy-turvy world of camera collecting. Here are some real world closing prices from eBay, realizing, of course, that the closing prices listed below can be over-priced, under-priced, under appreciated, mislabeled or categorized, lucky and unlucky. Here are some recent real-world closing sales values:

Compact 35mm Photovit	\$92.52
Minox GL 35mm	\$31.00
Nikon F body only	\$83.00
Nikon F case only	\$15.50
Altix VF	\$47.99
Candex Bakelite camera	\$15.00
NAMCO Bakelite	\$14.99
ACRO (Detrola-like)	\$24.99
Wirgin Edinex III 35mm	\$28.00
Minolta Hi-Matic RF	\$22.50
Olympus XA	\$56.00
Olympus XA2	\$10.00
Pokemon toy camera	\$5.24
Kirin Beer camera	\$15.60
Argus C3 and two lenses	\$56.00
Toy Book Spy camera	\$56.00
Argus CC	\$39.00
Argus A3	\$22.50
Imperial Reflex (gray)	\$30.99
Junka mini cam	\$33.27
Yashica M	\$27.76

If you have verifiable closing prices on items that you watched, drop me a line at <ricksoloway@hotmail.com> and I'll include that info in a future article.

So

What German
Company
came out with

a series of half-frame
viewfinder cameras for
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film?



Answer: The Agfa Camera Werk of Munich, Germany introduced in 1963 a series of half-frame cameras called the Parat, Paramat, and Optima-Parat. Prices listed for these cameras range from \$40 to \$80.